REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

Group I, Claims 1-20, drawn to an apparatus for treating neural function in a brain;

Group II, Claims 21-25, drawn to a method for treating a neural function of a brain, and

Group III, Claims 26-28, drawn to a method for stimulating neurons in a brain of a patient.

In response, the applicants elect Group II without traverse. Non-elected claims 1-20 and 26-28 have been canceled. Applicants have also amended claim 21 without narrowing the scope of this claim, and have added claims 29-36.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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